



SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN POLICY

To track the status of your absentee ballot, you may visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/elections/ab-status.asp.

Absentee ballots must be returned as follows:

1. **IN PERSON** - A voter who received an absentee ballot by mail may return his or her own ballot to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at **2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172** or to the Elections Department's Branch Office (located in the Lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center, **111 NW 1st Street**) no later than 7:00 pm on Election Day.
2. **BY MAIL** - An absentee ballot may be returned by delivery through the United States Postal Service.
3. **BY VOTER'S DESIGNEE** - An absentee ballot may be returned by the voter's designee at **2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172** or to the Elections Department's Branch Office (located in the Lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center, **111 NW 1st Street**), on the day prior to and the day of the election if the person designated by the voter is an immediate family member and only on the day of the election if the designee is not an immediate family member. The designee must complete an affidavit, available on our website at www.miamidade.gov/elections, stating the designee is authorized by voter to return the voter's ballot and indicate the relationship to the voter. Picture identification of the designee must be presented along with a written statement from the voter containing the following information:
 - a. Printed name of voter
 - b. Voter's daytime phone number
 - c. Voter's date of birth
 - d. Voter's registration number (optional)
 - e. Name of person returning the absentee ballot
 - f. If the voter is a member of the designee's immediate family, reason why the voter must have someone else return the absentee ballot
 - g. If the voter is not a member of the designee's immediate family, the designee must also present a statement signed by a physician on that physician's stationery that, due to a medical emergency involving the voter or voter's dependent, the named voter is unable to vote at the polls and is unable to return an absentee ballot in person
 - h. Signature of voter
4. **AT THE POLLS** - A voter who desires to vote in person may return a voted or unvoted absentee ballot to the voter's precinct. The returned ballot will be marked "canceled" by the election board. A voter who desires to vote in person, but **does not** return the ballot to the precinct, may vote only under the following conditions: **(Do not return anyone else's ballot at the polls. Under State Law, this ballot will not be counted.)**
 - a. The election board confirms the voter's absentee ballot has not been received and
 - b. If the election board cannot determine whether the voter's absentee ballot has been received, the voter may vote a provisional ballot.

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners passed Ordinance 11-93 on December 6, 2011, amending Section 12-14 of the Code of Miami-Dade County pertaining to absentee ballot handling. This amendment added penalties for picking up and/or returning absentee ballots if not authorized to do so as a designee.